

Application No.: 10/554,207

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Axel HUEGLE *et al.***REMARKS*****Claim Status***

After entry of this Amendment, Claims 14 – 17 and 19 – 21 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 14 and 19 are amended, and Claim 18 is cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that Claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Claim 18 depends from independent Claim 14. By this Amendment, Claim 14 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. Claim 18 is cancelled. Amended Claim 14 is, therefore, allowable.

Allowable Claim 19 is amended to depend from amended Claim 14.

Claims 15 – 17, 20 and 21 depend from amended Claim 14, and are allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass Claims 14 – 17 and 19 – 21 to allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects Claims 14 – 17, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Huegle (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0021763). By this Amendment, Claim 14 is amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 18, wherein Claims 15 – 17 and 19 – 21 depend from amended Claim 14, as set forth above. The instant rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are, therefore, believed to be moot.

Summary of Response

Applicants have responded to the rejections in the October 16, 2007 Office Action by presenting the foregoing amendments and arguments. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 14 – 17 and 19 – 21 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw all rejections and to pass this application to the issue process.


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Axel HUEGLE et al.***Request for Telephone Interview***

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to the rejections raised in the Office Action so as to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number listed below in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502464 referencing attorney docket number 2003P02028WOUS. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account

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